



# Salem Messenger

*"Where God is Seen... Love is Felt... Lives are Changed"*

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## Salem Lutheran Church

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## January 2026

### Celebrating Our 2025 Holy Baptisms

Celebrating a child's/adult's baptism is a significant time to help us remember our baptismal promises. On Sunday, January 11, 2026 during the worship services, we will celebrate 2025

#### Baptisms at Salem Lutheran Church –

*Kacie Nicole Guillen*, (parents – Mateo & Julie Guillen),  
*Elizabeth Rose Cook*, (parents – Anthony & Nicole Cook),  
*Gentri Newsome*, (parents – Collin & Megan Newsome),  
*Brantley Newsome*, (parents – Collin & Megan Newsome),  
*Reece Kendall*, (parents – Kyle & Chaelea Kendall),  
*Zane Reynaldo Martinez*, (parents- Reynaldo III & Kayla Martinez),  
*Jaxon Charles Zettel*, (parents- Jeremy & Lyssa Zettel),  
*Raelynn Marie Walker*, (parents- Malyiah Ausby & Andrew Walker),  
*Xianni Nova Ausby*, (parents- Jadyn Ausby),  
*Jerry Meschwitz*

Dear People of Salem!

Do you realize how many people provide leadership at Salem? Scores! Lots! More! Thank you for doing the things that make our work for the Kingdom of God effective, orderly, and "top notch."

This thank you is for you! Praise God for you! All your ministry efforts are recorded in heaven.

And this next thank you is for you who have given gifts to the ministry of Salem. You may think they are forgotten or overlooked but they are not. Your gifts to the church impact the Kingdom of God! And your gifts to the staff mean so much- you can never be thanked enough. Your kindness is overwhelming.

Salem is an extra special place because of your faithfulness and self-less involvement. I personally praise and thank God for you everyday! Know that! I love Salem and are so THANKFUL to live and serve with you.

Hallelujah. Jesus is Lord. Amen! Dr. Craig Dohse

**The Congregational Annual Meeting** is January 25<sup>th</sup> following service. All confirmed members are encouraged to attend. The newsletter with all the committee reports and annual meeting agenda will be mailed out the week of January 4<sup>th</sup>. **We will also hold installation of officers and committee members during the worship service Sunday January 4<sup>th</sup>.**

## Thank You to...

- these outgoing council members and committee members whose terms expire December 31, 2025: Council: Tiffany Weiss, Jacob Kwiatkowski, Aaron Quinn: Committees: Diane Pieper, Kelly Hord, Janet Green, Pam Grantham, Tennile Lange, Jenny Sebastian, Linnae Hirsch, Kyle Finke.
- the Salem Sunday School Children for serving as Advent Wreath Readers:
- Glenda & Lynn Pieper, Doris Draehn, Nancy Roesler, Barbara Dietzmann, Betty & Mack Morris, and Maxine Schwarze for serving on the Counting Committee in 2025. Thanks for continuing another year.
- all who stuffed a stocking for the Brenham Pregnancy Center.
- all for your generous food donations to Bread Partners. This food will be well received by the neediest in our community. God bless!
- all who placed poinsettias in the sanctuary for our Christmas worship service



The playground equipment will be coming in spring after a very successful fundraiser.

The total raised is \$17,135.00. Thank you to all who gave prizes, bought tickets, and made direct donations, especially Donald and Gwen Speiss who blessed us with their monetary donation. Salem Lutheran touches many people in our community. Thank you again, The Stewardship Committee

A very special THANK YOU to the Salem congregation and church council for the Christmas Bonus checks given to us at the Church Council Christmas Party. Your thoughtfulness and kindness are always appreciated. We wish you a very blessed and happy 2026.

*Dr. Craig Dohse, Dr. Bobby Leggett, Pastor Dayna Leggett, Jenny Sebastian, Nancy Rosenbaum, and Terry Boeker.*



**Quilting** will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00am.

### **Circle Meetings:**

Thursday, January 8- 2:00 p.m. Dorcas Circle-

Thursday, January 8 - 6:00 p.m. Rachel Circle

Visiting Committee members for January are: Alice Dannhaus and Carol Hold

Salem Women of the Church

It's a new year ... a great time to start a new habit! Join one of the women's groups to study God's word and have fellowship with your Christian sisters! Both Circles meet on the 1st Thursday of each month, in the Education Building, Dorcas at 2 pm and Rachel Circle at 6 pm. Try one! You're always welcome! Blessings, Terry Boeker, President

**Attention.... Committees & Organizations** - Please contact Jenny in the church office to get your committee's and organization's meeting dates on the monthly calendar. We have lots going on in this congregation and your help is very much appreciated! To get your information in the newsletter, please have your information to Jenny by the deadline [even before sure does help].

If your committee or organization has a meeting scheduled in January and it is not on the monthly calendar, please contact the church office so it can be included in the Sunday bulletin.

**2025 Contribution records** will be mailed by the middle of January. If you have any questions concerning your offerings, please contact Jenny no later than January 31, 2026.

**The 2026 Altar Flower Chart** has been posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers on the altar stands, please sign up on the chart or call Jenny at the church office.

## On Our Prayer List

*The people below have requested our prayers and support. We pray for them every Sunday in worship and we invite you to remember them in your daily prayers.*

*In an effort to keep our prayer list updated, please let us know about your family or friends whose names can be removed from this prayer list.*



Remember these folks in your daily prayers:

Salem members: Thomas Cook, Jeanell Dallmeyer, Dick Dietzmann, Deloris Draehn, Doris Draehn, Mikey Hueske, Otto Kemper, Nora Mills, Florine Raska, Louis Resendez, Cody Sanders, Chad

Schlabach, Jan Wilhelsem

Members requesting prayers: Hunter Schaper

Members in Care Centers:

Brenham Nursing & Rehab- Betty Wiesepape, Martin Wiesepape

San Saba Rehab & Nursing- Dorine Hall

Kruse Village- Annie Marie Fritz, Rhonda Wehmeyer

Members in Assisted Living Facility -

Family and Friends:

*Joe Al Picone*, friend of Nancy Roesler;

*Tina Bartsch*, Thana & Otto Kemper's niece;

*David Beckendorf*, friend of Cindy Holle;

*Paul Bennett*, friend of Salem member;

*Theresa Clemons*, sister of Nora Mills;

*Janice Crook*, friend of Ray Weiss;

*Erin Eddings*, friend of Charles & Janell Dierking;

*Barbara Eldridge*, friend of Dick & Barbara Dietzmann;

*Cameron Fitzcharles*, nephew of Mark & Kristin

Wiesepape;

*Shelly Ganske*, friend of Salem Members;

*Christian Garcia*, co-worker of Norma Mills 10yrs.old son;

*Debbie Garner*, Pam Grantham's sister-in-law;

*George Gilmore*, friend of Nora Mills;

*Tammy Glasemann*, friend of Cindy Holle;

*France Glueck*, great-niece to Mitch & Carolyn Hall;

*Leo Gunnels*, uncle of Tiffany Gold;

*Betty Haevischer* wife of Gary Haevischer;

*Paul Henschke*, father of Tennille Lange;

*George Jurica*, friend of Jerry & Elizabeth Swonke;

*Carolyn Kopyschinski*, friend of the Ladewig family;

*Brylon Kelly*, grandson to Nora Mills;

*Crystal Kelly*, daughter of Nora Mills;

*Marsha Killen*, mother to Billy Killen;

*Kasen King*, Daine Ashorn's friends son;

*Barbara Kokemoor*, friend of Doris Draehn;

*Lynnlee Kocurek*, friend of the Gummelt family;

*Johnnie Kopyschinski*, friend of the Ladewig Family;

*Gayle Kunkel*, cousin of Linda Hueske;

*Loretta Laird*, friend of Charles & Janell Dierking;

*Wayne Laird*, friend of Charles & Janell Dierking;

*Gwen Lamascus*, sister of Grover Sebastian;

*David Lange*, Jason Lange & Dewayne Lange's father;

*Willie Ludwig*, friend of Charles & Janell Dierking;

*Jean Luedke*, friend of Cindy Holle;

*Mike McAnally*, friend of Nancy Roesler;

*Charlie McReynold*, friend of Bruce Bockhorn;

*Monica Mikeska*, niece of Joe Green;

*Keith Mikolajchak*, friend of Salem members;

*Christpher Miller*, great nephew of Mallanee Vercher;

*Beckham Morgan*, Debby Peele's sons friend;

*Rachel Niebuhr*, cousin of Beckey Kuecker;

*Aaron Nelson*, Lynette Nelson's husband & Janet &

Joseph Green's son-in-law;

*Lauren Parker*, friend of Jeanell Dallmeyer;

*Wesley Paul*, Janell Dierking's God Child;

*Sheree Pence*, friend of Salem Members;

*Katie Ray*, granddaughter of Marsha Ray;

*Olivia Ray*, granddaughter of Marsha Ray;

*Pam Richardson*, friend of Cindy Holle's;

*Annie Rybarski*, mother of Cathy Fritz;

*Geraldine Rybarski*, mother of Tracy Raska;

*Doug Schreiber*, cousin of Danica Kenjura;

*Sue Schwartz*, cousin of Jeanell Dallmeyer;

*Aiden Simmons*, Nora Mills' great great nephew;

*John Simmons*, Nora Mills' nephew;

*Collin Smith* (senior graduate from Brenham 2021);

*Teddy Stansbury*, Nora Mill's daughter's uncle;

*Lincoln Tiemann*, grandnephew of Nancy Roesler;

*Sue Vierus*, co-worker of teachers at Krause Elementary;

*Yvonne Wait*, cousin of Carloyn Goeke and Kathy Gummelt;

*Choya Walling*, friend of Bruce Bockhorn;

*Boyce Weiman*, Michael Ray's father-in-law;

*Lia Weiss*, niece of Bridget Bolten;

*Glenn Wellbrock*, brother of Leonard, Kenny, & Ricky Wellbrock, & Beverly Schlabach;

*Bonnie Wellmann*, mother of Kelly Kwiatkowski;

*Sandy Winkelmann*, sister of David & Kenneth Dreyer;

*Lynda York*, mother of Tiffany Weiss;

Military Personnel: Salem members: *Lawson Swor*

(Marines, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina), *Dylon Engstrom* (Marine Corps., Virginia), *Craig Flentge* (Air Force, Texas), *Shane Shupak* (Army Reserves, Texas).

Family and Friends: *Mitchel Havard* (Army, Fort Hood,

TX) [Clarence Meinholdt family's friend]; *Cody Paul*

(Air Force, San Antonio, TX) [Charles Dierking

family's friends]; *Weston Wilson* (Marines, Iraq)

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### **Mission Statement of Salem Lutheran Church**

*As Christ's Disciples, we strive to love and serve all people, sharing the good news of God's grace.*

## **CHICKEN STEW**

**January 25**

**after the congregational meeting**



**Free Will  
Donation**

**RSVP by January 20 at the back  
of the church or call the church  
office 979-836-9320.**